

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, December 13, 2000

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 13, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Emmett J. Gavin, O. Carm, Whitefriars Hall, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious and loving God, as we enter the closing days of this year and this Congress, we ask for an abundance of Your grace and guidance. Give the men and women of this Chamber the gifts of wisdom, prudence and unity of purpose that will enable them to govern the people of this land with justice and good judgment.

We are a people in need of healing, unity and peace. Help the work of this august body further those national goals. May the decisions and policies that emerge from these hallowed Halls enhance unity and understanding, not only among the people of this country, but throughout the world.

Even as the Members of this House mourn the loss of their esteemed colleague, Julian Dixon, who is being laid to rest today, give them the hope and confidence of a brighter future for all the people of this land who are entrusted to their care.

May renewed commitment to the goals of our Democratic way of life energize the efforts of our elected representatives and give them new purpose as they pursue the best interests of this great Nation.

Your peace, gracious God, that passes all understanding, be with all Your people, this day and every day.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. REYNOLDS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 12, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 12, 2000 at 9:44 a.m.

That the Senate Agreed to House amendment S. 1508

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 671, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Julian C. Dixon:

Mr. STARK, California; Mr. GEPHARDT, Missouri; Mr. BONIOR, Michigan; Mr. GEORGE MILLER, California; Mr. WAXMAN, California; Mr. LEWIS, California; Mr. MATSUI, California; Mr. THOMAS, California; Mr. DREIER, California; Mr. HUNTER, California; Mr. LANTOS, California; Mr. MARTINEZ, California; Mr. BERMAN, California; Mr. PACKARD, California; Mr. GALLEGLY, California; Mr. HERGER, California; Ms. PELOSI, California; Mr. COX, California; Mr. ROHRBACHER, California; Mr. CONDIT, California; Mr. CUNNINGHAM, California; Mr. DOOLEY, California; Mr. DOOLITTLE, California; Ms. WATERS, California; Mr. BECERRA, California; Mr. CALVERT, California; Ms. ESHOO, California; Mr. FILNER, California; Mr. HORN, California; Mr. MCKEON, Cali-

fornia; Mr. POMBO, California; Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, California; Mr. ROYCE, California; Ms. WOOLSEY, California; Mr. FARR, California; Mr. BILBRAY, California; Ms. LOFGREN, California; Mr. RADANOVICH, California; Mr. CAMPBELL, California; Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, California; Mr. ROGAN, California; Mr. SHERMAN, California; Ms. SANCHEZ, California; Mrs. TAUSCHER, California; Mrs. CAPPS, California; Mrs. BONO, California; Ms. LEE, California; Mr. KUYKENDALL, California; Mr. GARY MILLER, California; Mrs. NAPOLITANO, California; Mr. OSE, California; Mr. THOMPSON, California; Mr. BACA, California; Mr. CONYERS, Michigan; Mr. CLAY, Missouri; Mr. OBEY, Wisconsin; Mr. FROST, Texas; Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Wisconsin; Mr. PETRI, Wisconsin; Mr. LEWIS, Georgia; Mr. SAWYER, Ohio; Mr. GOSS, Florida; Mr. MCDERMOTT, Washington; Mr. JEFFERSON, Louisiana; Ms. NORTON, District of Columbia; Mr. BISHOP, Georgia; Mr. CLYBURN, South Carolina; Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Texas; Mr. RUSH, Illinois; Mr. SCOTT, Virginia; Mr. FORBES, New York; Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Texas; Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois; Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland; Ms. KILPATRICK, Michigan; Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Virgin Islands; Mr. MEEKS, New York; and Mrs. JONES, Ohio.

MAKING IN ORDER MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time in the legislative day of Friday, December 15, 2000, for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3594, Installment Tax Correction Act of 2000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

House adjourns on Thursday, December 14, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 15.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

CRASH OF MV-22 OSPREY IN JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

(Mr. REYNOLDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, an MV-22 Osprey crashed during a training mission in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The crash took the lives of all four Marines on board: Lieutenant Colonel Keith Sweaney of Richmond, Virginia; Major Michael Murphy of Blauvelt, New York; Staff Sergeant Avelly Runnels of Morven, Georgia; and Sergeant Jason Buyck of Sodus, New York.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these brave men who gave the last full measure of their devotion and service to our Nation. I know that all Americans join in mourning the loss of these brave Marines.

While it is difficult to find the words that express the depth of our sadness and sense of loss, I am reminded of a 1864 letter from President Abraham Lincoln to Mrs. Bixby of Boston, which became widely known after its use in the film *Saving Private Ryan*.

President Lincoln's simple eloquence is timeless and poignant:

"I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming," Lincoln wrote. "But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save.

"I pray that our Heavenly Father may ease the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

LET US MAKE CERTAIN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS GOVERNED TOGETHER BY ONE PRESIDENT, ONE CONGRESS, ONE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, first, as we are about to end the 106th Congress, let me commend the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE) for his great job of conducting the chair in so many situations. And I see we are joined on the floor today by BRIAN KERNS, his successor-elect, who will be sworn into this fine body in just a few weeks.

I come from West Palm Beach, Florida; and I am proud of the fact that I am a Floridian. I am proud of the fact that Palm Beach County is my hometown.

The last 5 weeks have been a difficult time for our community, for our State, and our Nation. There have been a lot of negative characteristics put upon my county by some suggesting we are a backwater community where we disrespect the rights of individuals, where we denied people the right to vote, where we denied people going to the polls. I take strong exception to some of those comments.

Tonight we will hear from our two contestants in the Presidential election of 2000. I pray that both rise to the occasion that is necessary for the job that they sought, and that is to begin the healing of this Nation.

Those that question the legitimacy of this election are only fanning the flames of discontent and will create a divide amongst us.

We are all concerned and confused about the allegations being charged in Florida. But, in my heart, I know the truth and I feel compelled on this floor to at least suggest to America, it is time to rise above both the partisan bickering, the acrimony, and the endless character assassinations that have taken place, whether it be the United States Supreme Court, whether it be directed toward the Florida Supreme Court, whether it be directed to Katherine Harris, the Secretary of State, or Mr. Butterworth or any of the other individuals that were part of this historic and very unique election.

The one thing I have heard consistently from my colleagues and from my constituents is that during the election contest there were things that they clearly wanted to establish: prescription drug coverage; improving Medicare; strengthening Social Security; eliminating the marriage penalty, the tax on marriages; doing away potentially with estate taxes, which we consider a punitive tax against the estates and the wealth created by the hard work of Americans.

These were issues that resonated with each and every American; and they said, regardless of your party affiliation, I would expect, in fact I demand you to act on these pressing matters of national importance.

So 5 weeks later we will hear a speech tonight; and, hopefully tomorrow, Congress, those still in the 106th,

those preparing to join the 107th, can recognize that America is watching very carefully what we do here in this process.

It will be not enough to stand on the House floor and rale against the other side of the aisle, be they Democrat or Republican, in an effort to spin your story in hope either to regain control of this process or to exert your legislative dominance because you are the majority party. It will not be enough to simply suggest that we can stall the process by which we hope to govern.

It will take great individuals, who I know exist in this process. I know many of my colleagues personally. I have traveled with them. I spent time in their offices. I know their families. And I know the beautiful thing about this process is the fact that when we need to, as Americans first and foremost, we do in fact come together and handle the requisite task. We rise above Democrat, Republican, or Independent registration and we look for answers to solve our problems. We have done it in the past. I know we are capable of it.

I will suggest to my colleagues, I am going to join with my entire Florida delegation and hopefully others, I know the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) suggested we look at the voting machines, look at the voting systems, look at the way we conduct voting in our country in every precinct, in every parish, in every community to find a way to do it better.

We should not have a lingering aftereffect or aftertaste of a bad election or a bitter pill to swallow because we failed to do it properly and correctly. We are going to have to join our brethren in the State legislatures and county commissioners and try to find a way to fund the technology that exists.

Many in the national media have been asking me, "What are these machines like? What are they like?" I said, "Well, I can tell you they are antiquated. They were with us since the 1970s."

In Florida we play the Lottery from every 7-Eleven and every gas station in every hamlet in every community in the State, and on Saturday evening at 11 o'clock somehow we can figure out who the winner is after a million-plus tickets have been purchased; and we do so because technology exists to allow us to do that. And yet, in our voting machines, we are looking at a system that has created at least a sense of confusion amongst our constituents.

So let us remedy today to look forward to the process of making it more fundamentally fair, but let us first challenge our colleagues to stand together tonight, after tonight, when the final speech is made, let us stand behind that person who will be our President and make certain that, as we assemble in January, the United States of America is governed together by one President, one Congress, one Senate.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, December 14, 2000, at 4 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

11310. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Noncitizen Eligibility, and Certification Provisions of Pub. L. 104-193, as Amended by Public Laws 104-208, 105-33 and 105-185 (RIN: 0584-AC40) received December 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11311. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of the Special Apple Loan Program and Emergency Loan for Seed Producers Program (RIN: 0560-AG23) received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11312. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—Specifically Approved States Authorized To Receive Mares and Stallions Imported from Regions where CEM Exists [Docket No. 00-115-1] received December 13, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11313. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Artigas, Uruguay, Because of Rinderpest and Foot-and-Mouth Disease [Docket No. 00-111-1] received December 13, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11314. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Modified Styrene-Acrylic Acid and/or Methacrylic Acid Polymers; Tolerance Exemption [OPP-301081; FRL-6755-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received December 12, 2000, pursuant

to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11315. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Technical Amendments [No. 2000-102] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11316. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Consumer Protections for Depository Institution Sales of Insurance—received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11317. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Market Risk Measure; Securities Borrowing Transactions (RIN: 3064-AC46) received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11318. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received December 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11319. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-D-7505] received December 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11320. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7406] received December 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11321. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7747] received December 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11322. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on the OMB Estimate For Pay-As-You-Go Calculations; to the Committee on the Budget.

11323. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on the OMB Cost Estimate For Pay-As-You-Go Calculations; to the Committee on the Budget.

11324. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Premium Rates; Payment of Premiums (RIN: 1212-AA58) received December 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11325. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Acquisition Regulations; Costs Associated With Whistleblower Actions (RIN: 1991-AB36) received December 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11326. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Acquisition Regulations: Revision of Patent Regulations Relating to DOE Management and Operating Contracts (RIN: 1991-AB55) received December 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11327. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Toxic Substances Control Act Test Guidelines [OPPTS-4221; FRL-6551-2] (RIN: 2070-AD16) received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11328. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Pulp and Paper Industry [AD-FRL-6917-1] (RIN: 2060-AH74) received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11329. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans; Illinois; Post-1996 Rate Of Progress Plan for the Chicago Ozone Non-attainment Area [IL64-2; FRL-6917-7] received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11330. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Revisions to Stage II Vapor Recovery Program [MA078-01-7211b; A-1-FRL] received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11331. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts [CA 238-0256a; FRL-6895-7] received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11332. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Full Approval of Operating Permits Program: The U.S. Virgin Islands [VI002; FRL-6916-9] received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11333. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Nitrogen Oxides Budget Program [MD 096-3061; FRL-6916-8] received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11334. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Interim Approval of the Operating Permits Program; Approval of State Implementation Plan Revision for the Issuance of Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits; Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District, California [CA224-0263; FRL-6864-3] received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11335. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Dillsboro and Rosman, North Carolina) [MM Docket No. 00-88; RM-9871] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11336. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Wheatland and Wright, Wyoming) [MM Docket No. 99-195; RM-9563; RM-9958] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11337. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Dos Palos and Livingston, California) [MM Docket No. 00-92; RM-9857] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11338. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Butte Falls, Oregon) [MM Docket No. 00-83; RM-9849] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11339. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Pilot Rock, Oregon) [MM Docket No. 00-128; RM-9912] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11340. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Mount Pleasant & Bogata, Texas) [MM Docket No. 00-54; RM-9835; RM-9907] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11341. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Randolph and Little Valley, New York) [MM Docket No. 00-113; RM-9904; RM-9952] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11342. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Grants and Milan, New Mexico) [MM Docket No. 99-75; RM-9446] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11343. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, trans-

mitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Sister Bay, Wisconsin and Escanaba, Michigan) [MM Docket No. 99-288; RM-9708; RM-9801] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11344. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting A Memorandum Of Justification For A Drawdown Under Section 506 Of The Foreign Assistance Act To Support UNAMSIL And Countries Involved In Peacekeeping Efforts Or Affiliated Coalition Operations With Respect To Sierra Leone; to the Committee on International Relations.

11345. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the semiannual report of activities of the Inspector General for the period through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11346. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Remove Contract Quality Requirements; Miscellaneous Technical Amendment [FRL-6917-2] received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11347. A letter from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting an annual report on audit and investigative coverage required by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11348. A letter from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, transmitting the Council's final rule—Protection of Historic Properties—received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11349. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Wilderness Management [WO-250-1220-PA-24 1A] (RIN: 1004-AB69) received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11350. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Application and Permit Information Requirements; Permit Eligibility; Definitions of Ownership and Control; the Applicant/Violator System; Alternative Enforcement (RIN: 1029-AB94) received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11351. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Maryland Regulatory Program [MD-047-FOR] received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11352. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Virginia [Docket No. 000119014-0137-02; I.D. 113000E] received December 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11353. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric

Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—National Sea Grant College Program—National Marine Fisheries Service Joint Graduate Fellowship Program in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics [Docket No. 001027302-0302-01] (RIN: 0648-ZA98) received December 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11354. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the 1999 annual report on the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11355. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30214; Amdt. No. 2021] received December 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11356. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—SAFETY ZONE: Andrew McArdle (Meridian Street) Bridge, Chelsea River, Chelsea, Massachusetts (RIN: 2115-AA97) received December 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11357. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Citizenship Standards for Vessel Ownership and Financing; American Fisheries Act [USCG-1999-6095] (RIN: 2115-AF88) received December 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11358. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civil Asset Forfeiture (RIN: 1515-AC69) received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11359. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; North American Industry Classification System [DFARS Case 2000-D015] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11360. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Authority to Indemnify Against Unusually Hazardous or Nuclear Risks [DFARS Case 2000-D025] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11361. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Domestic Source Restrictions-Ball and Roller Bearings and Vessel Propellers [DFARS Case 2000-D301] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11362. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Polyacrylonitrile Carbon Fiber [DFARS Case 2000-D017] received December 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11363. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled "Implementation of Transfers in the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs"; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. Janet Reno's Stewardship of the Justice Department: A Failure to Serve the Ends of Justice (Rept. 106-1027). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TALENT (for himself and Ms. VELAZQUEZ):

H.R. 5654. A bill to provide for reauthorization of small business loan and other programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mrs. MINK of Hawaii:

H.R. 5655. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Jacaranda Street in Lanai City, Hawaii, as the "Goro Hokama Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. REYNOLDS (for himself, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. SNYDER):

H. Res. 673. A resolution honoring the four members of the United States Marine Corps who died on December 11, 2000, and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives on their deaths; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

492. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Texas, relative to Senate resolution No. 1106, Memorializing the United States Congress to fully fund the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program at the authorized level; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 3397: Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 5427: Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 5434: Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 5642: Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. SHOWS.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE ALCOA HIGH SCHOOL TORNADOES FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on December 1st of this year, the Alcoa High School Tornadoes football team finished their season with a perfect 15-0 record, and won the Class 2A state championship with a 27-20 victory over Union City High School at this year's championship game in Murfreesboro, TN.

This fairytale season came to a close as the Tornadoes stopped a Union City touchdown attempt, in the final seconds, at the goal line to win the championship. This is the school's fifth championship football season, and they have 17 starters returning for the 2001-2002 season next fall.

When I spoke at the celebration event at the Alcoa High School football field this past Saturday, I told the story of former Baltimore Orioles' third baseman Brooks Robinson, a Hall of Famer. Robinson once said that there were only a few in the Hall of Fame who got there mostly on superior athletic ability. Robinson said that the other 600 or so got there because of drive, determination, discipline, and desire. These players possess the same qualities, both individually and collectively as a team.

Released this week, The Associated Press Class 2A All-State football team included 7 members from the Alcoa Tornadoes. "It was a pleasant surprise to have that many kids on the team," Alcoa Head Coach Scott Meadows said, "but I think every one of them deserves it."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Head Coach Scott Meadows and the Alcoa High School Tornadoes for their glorious victory. I also submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following news articles printed in the Knoxville News Sentinel. The team's leadership, strength, and determination should be recognized by all, and their sportsmanship and dedication are at a level that should be followed by every high school team in this Country.

[From the News-Sentinel, Dec. 10, 2000]

ALCOA HONORS ITS 15-0 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

(By Stan DeLozier)

ALCOA.—Alcoa High School principal Kevin Smith said he didn't want to put anybody on the spot, but it would be no surprise if he is helping celebrate another state championship a year from now.

His optimism is not without reason.

"We have 17 starters back," coach Scott Meadows said, "nine on offense and eight on defense."

Several hundred Tornadoes' fans turned out Saturday afternoon to celebrate the

school's fifth football championship season, completed Dec. 1 in Murfreesboro with a 27-20 squeaker over Union City. Alcoa finished the season with a 15-0 record.

The team featured seven All-Staters. Four of them—Michael George, Ben Love, Gregory Martin and David Hill—return next fall.

Aside from the championship game, which ended with a goal-line stand with 13 seconds to play, only Loudon among Class 2A opponents played the Tornadoes tough. Alcoa won 21-14 during the regular season and again 26-2 in the playoffs. However, the Redskins are moving up to Class 3A next season.

Heritage a 5A school, lost to Alcoa 17-13.

During the celebration at Alcoa's Goddard Field, George (the Tornadoes' quarterback) and linebacker Daniel Pierce were presented state championship game balls.

Although George connected on 13-of-23 passes for 245 yards, Union City running back Mario McElrath was chosen most valuable offensive player in the championship game.

Alcoa athletic director Rob Daugherty was cheered when he said, "I think we ought to demand a recount."

Pierce teamed with Hill in stuffing McElrath inches from the goal on Union City's last offensive play.

U.S. Rep. Jimmy Duncan, who was among the dignitaries attending the celebration, said the team's success reminded him of a story told by former Baltimore Orioles' third baseman Brooks Robinson, a Hall of Famer. Robinson mentioned there were a few in the Hall of Fame who got there mostly on superior athletic ability.

"Robinson said the other 600 or so got there because of their drive, willingness to work and dedication," Duncan said. "This team has the same qualities."

[The Knoxville News-Sentinel, Dec. 9, 2000]

ALCOA DOMINATES 2A ALL-STATE

A state championship was the goal all along for the Alcoa High School football team. The by-product this week is respect.

The Tornadoes, ranked No. 2 most of the season, placed seven players on The Associated Press Class 2A All-State football team released this week.

Alcoa completed its 2000 season with a 15-0 record and a state title with last week's 27-20 victory against previously unbeaten Union City. The 2A team is like a who's who of Alcoa and area players.

"The players went out every week talking about getting respect," Alcoa coach Scott Meadows said. "I think with seven first-team All-State players, they can say they've earned it."

"It was a pleasant surprise to have that many kids on the team, but I think every one of them deserves it."

The Tornadoes are represented by Michael George (quarterback), Ben Love (offensive lineman), James Rainer (all-purpose), Gregory Martin (defensive lineman), Tremayne Garner (linebacker), Jonathan Meschendorf (defensive back) and David Hill (punter).

Union City placed four players on the squad, led by Mr. Football winner Mario McElrath.

Austin-East defensive tackle Stephen Booker also earned All-State honors. The 6-

foot-2, 295-pound junior was the Road-runners' primary run-stopping force in the middle.

David Roncska of Loudon, the Mr. Football winner at linebacker, was the other area All-State selection.

In Division II, Bryan White of Webb and Nick Wilson of Catholic earned All-State. White led the Spartans in tackles and won the Division II—Small Mr. Football Lineman award. Wilson led Knoxville in receiving with 71 catches for 1,399 yards and 10 TDs.

In Class 1A, Sunbright placed three players on the team after running through the regular season unbeaten. Quarterback Drew Morgan made it as an all-purpose athlete. Averil Chaney made it as an offensive lineman and Wes Jones as a linebacker.

Steven Sears of Midway also made it as a linebacker.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE LADY AND GENTLEMEN WHO SERVED THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS MAYORS

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as elected public officials, we know the hard work and the personal sacrifices it takes to earn the trust and keep the mandate of our constituencies. In my home island of Guam, there are no elected officials who are closer to their constituencies, or work harder in their behalf, even after an election, than our village Mayors. Guam is a small place with a relatively small population, and our people are not far removed from their elected officials—myself included. This intimacy, and the expectation of direct and immediate access, is especially true of our Mayors.

In a few weeks, seven of Guam's village Mayors will leave office, after having served the residents of their respective villages cumulatively for many, many years. Some have opted for retirement; others have had to accept that option. All have served with distinction; all have significant records of accomplishment; all have a deep and abiding love for their people; and all are proud servants of Guam. I would like to take this occasion to commend the Honorable Rossana Diwa San Miguel, the Mayor of Chalan Pago and Ordot; the Honorable Jose Agualo Rivera, the Mayor of Dededo; the Honorable Luis San Nicolas Herrero, the Mayor of Tamuning; the Honorable Raymond Sablan Laguana, the Mayor of Barrigada; the Honorable Jesse Leon Guerrero Perez, the Mayor of Inarajan; the Honorable Jesus A. Aquinogoc, the Mayor of Umatac; and the Honorable Vicente S. Taitague, the Mayor of Talofofo, who have unselfishly contributed years of valuable service to their respective home villages and to the island of Guam.

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Chalan Pago/Ordot Mayor Rossana San Miguel, who has the distinction of being named Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Soroptomist International of the Marianas, remains an advocate for the rights of women, children and families, and for an improved quality of life for the people of Ordot and Chalan Pago. She was an active community member long before her election as Mayor in 1995. A product of Guam's public schools and the University of Guam, Mayor San Miguel is the daughter of Juan Atoigue and Esperanza Diwa San Miguel, and the loving mother of Esperanza, Michelle and Samantha. Mayor San Miguel's terms in office resulted in the paving, resurfacing and naming of numerous streets in the villages of Chalan Pago and Ordot. Her effort and leadership made the streets of Chalan Pago and Ordot safer by having numerous power poles and street lights installed, as well as the construction of bus shelters for the children of her village.

With a population of more than 40,000, the Municipality of Dededo is Guam's largest village. It might well qualify as a city rather than a village. The Honorable Jose Aguilo Rivera has served the people of Dededo for 16 years after having served as a federal civil servant from 1947 until his retirement as Assistant Fire Chief in 1981. First elected as Assistant Village Commissioner in 1984 and then as Mayor in 1989. During his tenure, the village of Dededo grew steadily and prospered. Mayor Rivera worked hard and lobbied hard for the infrastructure and capitol improvements necessary to keep up with the rapid growth and development of his village. Of the eight children born to the late Jose Ulloa Rivera and the late Carmen Aguilo Rivera, Mayor Rivera was an only son. He and his wife, the former June Santos Shimizu, are the proud parents of five children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

INDIA OBSERVES CEASE-FIRE IN KASHMIR

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, on November 19th, the Government of India announced a one-month unilateral cease-fire in Kashmir. India's Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, ordered all Indian security forces to cease operations in Kashmir during the month of Ramadan, the Muslim period of fasting and prayer. An article in the New York Times on November 20th described India's action as "a rare, hopeful step toward ending more than a decade of violence in Kashmir." Prime Minister Vajpayee stated, "I hope that our gesture will be fully appreciated and all violence and infiltration across the Line of Control and the international border will cease and peace prevail."

Regrettably, India's courageous step for peace was immediately rejected by the four major Muslim guerrilla groups that have been battling since 1989 to forcibly tear the state of Jammu and Kashmir away from India.

Still, despite the snubs from the militant leaders, India is making good on its cease-

fire offer. Since the beginning of Ramadan at sundown on Sunday, November 26, Indian security forces have been under orders to conduct no operations against the guerrilla groups, and to react with force only if they are attacked.

Unfortunately, it didn't take long for an attack to come. According to an account in the November 28 edition of The Washington Post, militants used a land mine to blow up an Indian army truck, killing three soldiers. There was additional violence as guerrillas tried to infiltrate into India's territory, across the Line of Control from Pakistani-held areas. These border incursions are clearly an attempt by the militants to provide a response from India, thereby undermining the cease-fire. India has a right to defend its territory, and these defensive actions are consistent with the cease-fire.

There are indications that the Kashmiri people welcome the cease-fire, despite the threats from the militants. According to a November 27 article in The Washington Post, entitled "Kashmiris Hopeful as Truce Begins":

"The cease-fire is a good thing for us, but unfortunately the militants do not agree," said Nazir Ahmed, 30, a mason in the village of Wathura, which was reduced to rubble early this month during a clash between rebels and security forces. "I'm afraid there will be more killings, because one side wants to prove a point."

In addition, there have been warning signs that some rebel groups have no intention of honoring the truce, which Vajpayee announced Nov. 19. Since then, there have been two attacks on civilians, including the killing of five Sikh and Hindu truck drivers on a Kashmiri highway.

There has been speculation that the attacks were intended to drive a wedge between Muslims and people of other faiths in Kashmir at an especially sensitive moment, thus undermining the cease-fire.

Such attacks must be condemned, in the name of human rights and fundamental decency. As to the broader issue of India's brave action, I urge the U.S. Government to express in the strongest terms our strong support for the difficult step for peace that India has taken.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable JULIAN C. DIXON. JULIAN was a steady force in the Congress for more than twenty years.

Before entering the House in 1979, JULIAN served six years in the California State Assembly. While there, he won the favor of his colleagues and was Chairman of the Assembly Democratic Caucus.

I became aware of JULIAN through his efforts to secure federal funds for the people of California. For example, he was instrumental in federal efforts to mitigate the impact of the 1992 civil disturbance by introducing a dire emergency supplemental appropriations bill to help businesses and families hurt by the riots. Seeking to better serve his constituents, JULIAN served four two-year terms on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Of particular interest to his constituents, JULIAN focused attention on the CIA-crack cocaine connection. He was the highest ranking Democrat.

While a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, JULIAN advocated programs important to the defense/aerospace industrial base in California. In addition, he secured years of funding for educational programs, including a mathematics and technology enrichment program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in saluting a great American, a great Congressman and a great human being—JULIAN C. DIXON.

THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR HEARING HEALTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I support the National Campaign for Hearing Health. The campaign was launched a year and a half ago by the Deafness Research Foundation to put hearing health on the national agenda. With 28 million Americans suffering from hearing loss—from newborns to senior citizens—they are committed to promoting research, prevention, detection and intervention that will ensure that every American has the potential to lead a hearing life.

Working with the campaign, I am pleased to announce the recent formation of the first-ever Congressional Hearing Health Caucus. The caucus is a bipartisan group of congressional Members committed to the study and support of hearing health issues. Caucus co-chairs include myself, Representatives JIM WALSH, CAROLYN MCCARTHY, and JIM RYUN, who knows first-hand the impact of hearing loss. We are greatly interested in these vital issues that affect so many Americans' health and well-being.

While the increase in the availability of newborn hearing tests represents tremendous progress—we all realize that screening is just the first step. We must begin to look to the future and prepare for the time when 100 percent of newborns are screened at birth. We must ensure that, once a baby's hearing loss is detected, all parents have access to the appropriate interventions—be they digital hearing aids or cochlear implants—regardless of their economic status.

Block grant funding provided to the states through last spring's Walsh bill—also known as the "Newborn Infant Hearing Screening and Intervention Act" is also expected to be a catalyst to advance newborn screening and intervention programs through the states. But it too is only a beginning.

Once a baby's hearing impairment is identified, early intervention with either hearing aids or a cochlear implant is critical. Somewhere between 6 and 24 months, a "hearing impaired child" brain starts to shut down that part that processes speech and language. Every hour, two babies in America suffer irreversible damage to their brain's ability to process speech and language. Every hour, two babies cross that 24 month critical window without the hearing assistance they need.

The issue of funding is one that must be addressed. Today, the campaign is releasing its Medicaid Reimbursement State Report Card—to examine state-by-state the levels of reimbursement provided to low-income families for cochlear implants—one of the new technologies available for hearing impaired children and adults.

While Medicaid, a joint federal and state program designed to provide medical coverage for low-income families, does cover cochlear implants for eligible children in virtually all states reimbursement levels vary widely from state to state.

These figures are troubling, especially since studies have shown that cochlear implants provide significant overall savings over the course of a lifetime in comparison to special education costs. It is clear that we have reached a point where our technology has outpaced our policy—leaving us with a situation that is clearly unacceptable—too many children denied life-altering hearing assistive technology due to lack of income or inadequate funding.

And the problem does not exist under the Medicaid system alone. Private insurance reimbursement for cochlear implants has been found to be even more limited than Medicaid, despite the clear benefits of this technology. As precedent has shown, changes in Medicaid and Medicare can lead to changes in private insurance coverage as well. It is our hope that this data will lead to greater awareness of reimbursement discrepancies in Medicaid policy and will encourage changes that will in turn lead to changes in private insurance reimbursement policy.

With thousands of potential implant candidates born each year in the United States, we simply cannot afford to ignore this issue any longer. All children in America should have access to this miracle of technology, regardless of their income, socio-economic status or place or residence. By improving Medicaid reimbursement for children, we can ensure that the most vulnerable in this country—low-income children—can have the world of sound open to them.

A CORRECTION THE NEW YORK TIMES SAW FIT NOT TO PRINT

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, a few years ago our Republican colleagues instituted a new procedure known as Corrections Day to deal with mistakes Congress has made. I did not think that the concept would

do a great deal, and I believe it has been only marginally useful, although it has of course done no harm. But as I thought about it, it struck me that there would be a much more useful procedure to be called Corrections Day—namely, an opportunity for Members of the House to correct the errors that are propagated by the media. Unfortunately, given the number of these, and the great reluctance of the media to engage in correction of its own errors, a Correction Day would not suffice, and I can see that dealing with the errors of the media on a regular basis would probably crowd out other important business from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

But I do think that from time to time it is useful for us to take advantage of this forum to correct errors in those instances when the medium propagating the error has refused to do so itself. I do this because the public is entitled to an accurate picture of what its elected officials are saying and doing, as opposed to one which includes inaccuracies stubbornly maintained. And I have also found that where one is misquoted, and fails to take concrete action to correct the misquotation, one may subsequently be held accountable for it by people who have read it, and have seen no objection to it.

I was recently the subject of a blatant misquotation in the New York Times, and to my regret, but not my surprise, the New York Times declined to print the Letter to the Editor correcting it. In an article published on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, Times reporter Michiko Kakutani, lamenting incivility in public dialogue, incorrectly said that I had "compared Republicans' intolerance to that of the Taliban."

In fact, I did no such thing. I did say in 1998 that the Republicans' claim that they were behaving in a bipartisan fashion during impeachment was as credible as the Taliban would be if they claimed to be practicing religious tolerance. Apparently, the notion of an analogy is absent from the Times style book. Because I do agree that we should refrain from unjustified incivility, I wrote to the New York Times in the hopes that they would clarify the situation by acknowledging their error and went on to explain that I had made no such comparison. The Times refused to do so. I therefore ask unanimous consent that my unpublished letter to the New York Times be printed here to correct the mis-impression the New York Times left, and refused itself to correct.

I should note, Mr. Speaker, that not all media outlets share this reluctance to acknowledge their errors. The Providence Journal which subscribes to the New York Times news service also ran the article, and I was pleased to note that the Providence Journal ran the Letter to the Editor which I had submitted also to them and a copy of which I submit to be printed here.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 27, 2000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, The New York Times, New York, NY.

DEAR EDITOR, Michiko Kakutani's November 26th article on polarization of the national dialogue incorrectly says that I "compared Republicans' intolerance to that of the Taliban."

I did not. When House Republicans praised themselves for bipartisanship, after unilaterally

deciding how to structure the impeachment process, I said that if what they did was bipartisanship, then what the Taliban was doing was religious tolerance. That is, I compared the Republican approach to bipartisanship to the Taliban's approach to religious tolerance.

Ms. Kakutani should understand that when you answer an aptitude test question by saying that C is to D as A is to B, you are not accusing C of being B.

My point was that the Republicans were inaccurate in claiming to be partisan, not that they were forcing women members of Congress to cover themselves completely.

BARNEY FRANK.

[From the Providence Journal, Dec. 5, 2000]

I DIDN'T SAY GOP = TALIBAN

(By Barney Frank)

The news media have incorrectly reported that I compared Republicans' intolerance to that of the Taliban [the Islamic fundamentalist group ruling Afghanistan].

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1960 HAWAII PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PROVIDES ROADMAP FOR RESOLVING FLORIDA ELECTION DISPUTE

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's Supreme Court ruling stopping the recount of Presidential votes in Florida was most unfortunate.

In his dissent Justice Stevens refers to the 1960 Hawaii Presidential election as an example that the provisions of Title 3 of the United States Code do not mandate that the recount must have been completed by December 12: "[the provisions] do not prohibit a State from counting what the majority concedes to be legal votes until a bona fide winner is determined. Indeed, in 1960, Hawaii appointed two slates of electors and Congress chose to count the one appointed on January 4, 1961, well after the Title 3 deadlines." (Bush v. Gore, slip opinion at 30.)

So that Members have the benefit of the full story of the 1960 contested Presidential election in Hawaii, I want to present its story and lessons.

The Florida Presidential dispute contains all the elements present in the 1960 Hawaii Presidential election: an apparent winner on election night; a contest by the apparent loser; a

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court-ordered recount; the certification of one set of electors by the Governor while the recount was under way; a court decision declaring the apparent loser the winner after a recount completed after the date the State's electors met; competing slates of electors presented to the Congress; and a joint session of Congress choosing which slate of electors to accept.

The resolution of that dispute provides valuable guidance for the Congress and the Nation as we try to determine the next President of the United States.

The results of the 1960 Presidential election in Hawaii between Richard Nixon and John Kennedy originally showed Nixon a winner by 141 votes. Based on those results, the Republican slate was issued a certificate of election by the Acting Governor on November 28, 1960. The results were challenged by 30 Democratic voters who filed suit to require a recount in 34 of the State's 240 precincts. The suit was opposed by the State's Republican Administration, which contended that there was not sufficient time to complete the recount before the December 13, 1960 deadline for certifying electors, six days before the December 19, 1960 date set for the electors to meet.

The Republicans also argued that if some of the votes were to be recounted, all the votes should be recounted.

The recount began on December 13, 1960. By the time the electors met on December 19, 1960, only one-third of the votes had been recounted, but Kennedy had an 83 vote lead. Based on the earlier certified results, the Republican electors met and cast their three votes for Nixon. The Democratic electors also met and cast their votes for Kennedy even though they did not have a certificate of election from the State.

The recount was not concluded until December 28, 1960. Kennedy was declared the winner by the court by 115 votes. The court entered its judgment on December 30, 1960.

When Congress met to count the electoral votes on January 6, 1961, it had before it three certificates from Hawaii. The first was the certificate of the Republican electors dated December 19 accompanied by the November 28 certificate of the Acting Governor of Hawaii

that the electors had been appointed as a result of the November election.

The second was the certificate of the Democratic electors dated December 19, 1960 casting their votes for John Kennedy.

The third certificate was from the Republican Governor of Hawaii dated January 4, 1961 certifying that the Democratic electors had been elected "agreeably to the provision of the laws of the said State, and in conformity with the Constitution and the laws of the United States" as "ascertained by judgment of the Circuit Court." The Governor annexed a copy of the court's decision to the certificate of election.

Vice President Nixon, sitting as the presiding officer of the joint convention of the two Houses, suggested that the electors named in the certificate of the Governor dated January 4, 1961 be considered the lawful electors from Hawaii. There was no objection to the Vice President's suggestion, and the three electoral votes from Hawaii were cast for John Kennedy.

This result was supported by both Senators from Hawaii, Republican Hiram Fong and Democrat Oren Long and Democratic Representative DANIEL K. INOUE.

The precedent of 40 years ago suggests the means for resolving the electoral dispute in Florida: count the votes under the supervision of the court pursuant to Florida law, both slates of electors meet on December 18 and send their certificates to Congress; the Governor of Florida send a subsequent certificate of election based on the decision of the court supervised by the court accompanied by the decision of the court; and Congress accepts the slate of electors named by the Governor in his final certification.

Under this procedure Florida need not rush to complete its recount in an attempt to meet unrealistic deadlines set by the court or the legislature. The key date is not December 12 or December 18. It is January 6, the date on which the electoral votes are counted. As the 1960 experience of Hawaii shows, the Florida recount does not have to be completed until just before the electoral votes are counted.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DEREK E. BROOMES

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Derek E. Broomes who was recently elected as the new Chairman of the Board for the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI). He is the third Chairman of CACCI's Board in its 15-year history. Mr. Broomes is the Chief Financial Officer of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (BOEDC).

As Chief Financial Officer of BOEDC, Mr. Broomes is responsible for administering a \$110 million budget for economic development in the Bronx. BOEDC, the economic consultant to the Bronx Borough President, also administers the Bronx Initiative Corporation, a certified US Small Business 504 loan company.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Broomes is a former Inspector General of the New York City Department of Investigations. He also served as Deputy Commissioner and Agency's Chief Contracting Officer at the NYC Human Resources Administration.

Mr. Broomes is a London University trained financial economist. He holds a Master of Science/CPA degree in public accounting and finance from the Graduate School of the City University of New York, where he has also done work toward a Ph.D. in economics and finance. He holds a Diploma in Economics and Finance from the London School of Economics and a Diploma in Mathematics and Physics from the University of London. He is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants and a member of the Institute of Financial Executives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Derick E. Broomes and in commending him for his outstanding achievements and wishing him continued success at CACCI as well as BOEDC.